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SUBJ: CODEL HAMILTON MEETING WITH FORMIN FAHMY

1. CODEL HAMILTON MET FOR ONE HOUR EVEING OF JULY 12 WITH DEP/  
PM/FM FAHMY. MR HAMILTON BEGAN BY SAYING CHIEF PURPOSE OF  
VISIT WAS TO DISCUSS PROSPECTS FOR SETTLEMENT WITH ME LEADERS.  
HE SAID IT BECOMING EVIDENT THAT THERE WILL HAVE TO BE TRADE  
OFF BETWEEN WITHDRAWAL AND STEPS TOWARD REAL PEACE. FAHMY  
SAID EGYPT IS READY TO SIGN PEACE AGREEMENT TOMORROW. EGYPT  
WANTS TO END OCCUPATION OF ITS TERRITORY NOT LET FORCE BE  
REWARDED. FAHMY STRESSED THAT IF AGGRESSION IS TO BE RE-  
WARDED., IT IS BETTER NOT TO ASK FOR WITHDRAWAL, BUT TAKE  
OVER LAND OF OTHERS. "WITHDRAWAL WILL NOT BE A CONCESSION  
FOR PERMANENT PEACEM" PEACE CAN ONLY COME ABOUT IN A NORMAL  
WAY.

2. MR HAMILTON ASKED IF THIS MEANT ISRAELIS MUST WITHDRAW  
TOTALLY BEFORE STEPS TOWARD PEACE BEGIN? FAHMY SAID, NO,  
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BUT EGYPT IS LEADER OF ARABS AND MAIN KEY TO PEACE. IT HAS  
ALREADY DEMONSTRATED ITS WILLINGNESS FOR PEACE IN ORDER TO  
CONCENTRATE ON DEVELOPING EGYPT. IF THERE IS ANOTHER CON-  
FLICT, ISRAELIS WILL WIN OR EGYPT WILL WIN; "THEN WE WILL  
BOTH REARM TO FIGHT AGAIN. WE ARE FED UP WITH THIS." THERE IS  
NOW "UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY" FOR PEACE. "WE ARE READY TO ACCEPT  
ISRAEL AS A MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRY AND SIGN A PEACE AGREEMENT.

THIS IS ALL ISRAELIS WANTED IN PAST. NOW THEY SAY THEY WANT THE WEST BANK."

3. FAHMY SAID US, PARTICULARLY THE CONGRESS, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ISRAEL, POLITICALLY, ECONOMICALLY AND MILITARILY. "EVERYTHING COMES FROM THE US." BREZENSKI MADE "FANTASTIC STATEMENT" TODAY THAT "IF THERE IS ANOTHER WAR, US WILL FIGHT WITH ISRAEL". FAHMY REITERATED "US HAS GREAT RESPONSIBILITY BEFORE HISTORY FOR ISRAEL".

4. MR HAMILTON SAID IF THIS MEANS EGYPT EXPECTS US TO DRAW UP TERMS OF SETTLEMENT, THIS IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN. FAHMY SAID NOT TERMS OF SETTLEMENT, BUT US SHOULD TELL ISRAELIS THAT US CANNOT ACCEPT CONTINUATION OF NO WAR NO PEACE SITUATION. EGYPT DOESN'T WANT TO FORCE PEACE ON ANYONE. US CAN HAVE TWO FRIENDS IN AREA. IF US HELPS EGYPT MILITARILY AND ECONOMICALLY IT WILL BE A FRIEND AS US IS WITH ISRAEL. THIS IS IN NATURE OF SUPERPOWER POLITICS OF THE AREA.

5. MR OBEY SAID THAT SOME ARABS MIGHT NOT BE READY FOR PEACE; E.G., SYRIA. FAHMY SAID SYRIA WILL FOLLOW EGYPT. ALL US HAD TO DO WAS DELIVER ISRAEL.

6. MR MIKVA SAID PM BEGIN WANTS TO GO TO GENEVA WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS AND HE IS PREPARED TO BARGAIN ON EVERYTHING. FAHMY SAID BEGIN HAS ALSO MADE STATEMENTS THAT ISREAL WOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEVER WITHDRAW FROM WEST BANK. IN ANY CASE, EGYPT DOESN'T NEED ANY PUSH TOWARD GENEVA OR PEACE. IT IS READY.

7. MR HAMILTON ASKED IF WITHDRAWAL HAD TO COME BEFORE PEACE? FAHMY SAID, "NO, HE ENVISAGED PACKAGE SETTLEMENT, EGYPT DOES SOMETHING, ISRAEL DOES SOMETHING. IF EXTRA THREE MONTHS NEEDED FOR WITHDRAWAL TO DISMANTLE EARLY WARNING STATION, HE PREPARED TO GRANT IT."

8. MR HAMILTION ASKED HOW LONG FAHMY ENVISAGED FROM FIRST TO LAST WITHDRAWAL AND FROM FIRST STEP TOWARD NORMALIZATION TO RECOGNITION? FAHMY SAID THAT PACKAGE SETTLEMENT COULD INCLUDE EVERYTHING. NON-BELLIGERENCY WOULD COME AT END TOGETHER WITH PEACE AGREEMENT. BUT TO PUT CONDITION THAT THERE "WILL BE NO WITHDRAWAL UNLESS I HAVE AMB IN CAIRO IS CHILDISH. THIS IS NOT SERIOUS". MR HAMILTON SAID PERHAPS THERE COULD BE LIMITED ARAB MOVES? FAHMY SAID THIS WOULD BE GOING BACK TO STEP-BY-STEP, "THEY WITHDRAW 30 KMS AND I STOP PROPAGANDA. PROBLEM IS THIS ISN'T'S PEACE." EGYPT WANTS AN INTERNATIONAL PEACE AGREEMENT.

9. MR HAMILTION ASKED EGYPT'S DEFINITION OF NON-BELLIGERENCY?

FAHMY SAID IT MEANT NOT GOING TO WAR, AGREEMENT NOT TO RESORT TO FORCE, NO EXERCISE OF BELLIGERENT RIGHTS, FREEDOM OF ISRAELI SHIPS AND SAILORS TO GO THROUGH CANAL AND AN AUTOMATIC END OF THE BOYCOTT.

10. MR MIKVA SIAD ALL LEADERS CODEL HAS SEEN SAY THEY WANT PEACE BUT THERE SEEMS TO BE SEMANTICS PROBLEM? FAHMY RESPONDED THAT ISRAELIS ALWAYS ASK FOR MORE--YOU GIVE THEM YOUR COAT, THEY WANT YOUR VEST, YOU GIVE THE VEST, THEY WANT YOUR SHIRT, ETC. HE SAID CODEL SHOULD REMEMBER THAT NASSER HAD ACCEPTED ROGERS PLAN--IT FAILED BECAUSE US HAD DROPPED IT.

11. MR OBEY ASKED ABOUT OVERALL DOCUMENT THAT COVERED DEMANDS OF BOTH SIDES, PLUS TIME TABLE, WITHDRAWAL BY STAGES, AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VERIFICATION PROCEDURES. FAHMY AGREED THAT NECESSARY TIME FOR WITHDRAWAL WOULD BE GIVEN.

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12. MR HAMILTON SAID HE UNDERSTOOD PRES SADAT HAD SPOKEN OF NORMALIZATION IN FIVE YEARS. FAHMY DISPUTED THAT SADAT

HAS SAID THIS. WHAT SADAT MEAND "WAS THAT HE READY FOR FULL AGREEMENT IN FIVER YEARS." NORMALIZATION, HOWEVER, IS "VERY SERIOUS MATTER AND MUST BE CLEARLY DRAFTED AND STUDIED." IT IS NEGOTIABLE, BUT IT IS A "NON-STARTER IF YOU LINK IT TO WITHDRAWAL." THERE MUST BE WITHDRAWAL AND PALESTINIAN STATE. FAHMY ASKED HOW CAN ONE MAKE A GOOD CONNECTION BETWEEN NORMALIZATION AND NON-BELLIGERENCY. AS FOR TIMING, IMPLEMENTATION COULD BEGIN DAY AFTER AGREEMENT SIGNED. EVERYTHING IS INTERWOVEN. AGREEMENT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED TO REACH NON-BELLIGERENCY. "WE CAN DO IT TOMORROW. IF IT POSES PROBLEM FOR ISRAEL, YOU CAN HELP THEM".

13. MR HAMILTIONASKED IF EGYPT COULD DELIVER THAT PLO AT GENEVA? FAHMY SAID "YES, NOT TO WORRY." US MUST ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH PLO. "LET'S BE SERIOUS, THERE CAN BE NO NON-BELLIGERENCY OR PEACE WITHOUT PLO. HE ASKED WHAT KIND OF SUPERPOWER IS IT THAT WON'T TALK TO ONE OF PARTIES BECAUSE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ISRAELIS TELL IT NOT TO?"

14. MR MIKVA ASKED IF ARAB WORLD WOULD ACCEPT NON-BELLIGERENCY? FAHMY ANSWERED BY SAYING HE DID NOT BELIEVE ISRAEL WANTED PEACE AND EVEN BEGIN'S SAYING HE WANTED TO GO TO GENEVA WAS ONLY TO SET STAGE FOR HIS (BEGIN'S) VISIT TO US AND TO "DECEIVE WORLD OPINION."

15. MR HAMILTION SAID SADAT VISIT TO US HAD HELPED FOCUS CONGRESSIONAL OPINION ON PALESTINIANS AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO JORDAN. FAHMY SIAD LINK BETWEEN JORDAN AND PALESTINE STATE WOULD BE LOOSE FEDERATION OR CONFEDERATION. EXACT FORM NOT IMPORTANT IF WILL FOR PEACE EXISTS.

16. IN RESPONSE TO MR HAMILTION'S QUESTION ON AFRICA, FAHMY SAID EGYPT APPRECIATES US ECONOMIC AID AND HE HOPED IT COULD BE INCREASED BY \$500 MILLION EXT YEAR. AS FOR ARMS FOR AFRICA, EGYPT WANTED TO HAVE MOBILE FORCE TO ASSIST MODERATES AGAINST SOVIETS, LIBYA, ETHIPIA IN SUDAN, ZAIRE AND CHAD. US CANNOT DO THE JOB SO LET EGYPT DO IT. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE US TAKE INITIATIVE.

17. MR HAMILTON SAID \$750 MILLION A YEAR WAS A LARGE SUM FOR US TAXPAYER. FAHMY INTERRUPTED COMPARING AID TO EGYPT WITH AID TO ISRAEL. HE WENT ON TO SAY REQUEST FOR ARMS FOR AFRICA HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH ISRAEL. RUSSIANS AND THEIR CUBAN SURROGATES MUST BE STOPPED. EVERY DAY FAHMY RECEIVES AFRICAN DELS WHICH WANT ARMS. EGYPT IS TRAINING 16 AFRICAN NATION-ALITIES IN ITS MILITARY ACADEMY.

18. MR HAMILTION ASKED IF ARMS FROM US WERE IMPORTANT FOR

POLITICAL STABILITY IN EGYPT? FAHMY AID "VERY IMPORTANT"  
BUT WENT ON TO SAY SADAT VERY POPULAR AND COULD EVEN BE  
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A DICTATOR IF HE WERE NOT DEDICATED TO DEMOCRACY. SADAT IS  
STRONG DOMESTICALLY BUT US MILITARY ASSISTANCE NEEDED  
(A) TO PROTECT AGAINST EXTERNAL THREATS; AND (B) TO REBUT  
CRITICS OF EGYPT'S TURN TO US WHO SAY EGYPT GETTING NOTHING  
IN RETURN. MILITARY AID HAS VERY IMPORTANT POLITICAL MEAN-  
ING IN RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SUPERPOWER AND SMALL STATE;  
SIX C-130'S--"DUCKS", HE CALL THEM-- -NOTHING FOR  
COUNTRY LIKE EGYPT. MR HAMILTON SAID HE THOUGHT THINKING IN  
CONGRESS ON ARMS HAS CHANGED AND IT WOULD NOW GIVE EGYPT'S  
REQUEST VERY SERIOUS CONSIDERATION ALTHOUGH HE COULD MAKE  
NO COMMITMENT. FAHMY SAID EGYPT ALREADY HELPING SUDAN IN  
A "MAJOR WAY".

19. MR HAMILTON ASKED ABOUT LEBANON AND ITS REQUEST FOR  
US ARMS AID. FAHMY SAID SYRIANS INTEND TO STAY UNTIL THEY  
ARE FORCED TO LEAVE. IF THEY GO BACK THERE WILL BE PROBLEM  
INSIDE SYRIA. SYRIA HAS SERIOUS PROBLEMS. HE ALSO REARS WHAT  
MARONITES MAY DO IN SOUTH LEBANON. AS FOR ARMS, FAHMY SAID  
MOST DEFINITELY US SHOULD GIVE THEM BUT TO LEBANESE ARMY,  
NO ONE ELSE.

20. CODEL HAS CLEARED THIS MESSAGE.  
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